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SUBJ: CLEARANCE FOR AMCIT TO RECEIVE AUSTRALIAN

ANTARCTIC MEDALLION

REF: 75 STATE 4192, 75 CANBERRA 98, 74 STATE A-5746

1. DEPART OF SCIENCE (DOS) HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PROMPT USG APPROVAL FOR AN AMERICAN CITIZEN USG EMPLOYEE TO RECEIVE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDALLION FOR IS PARTICIPATION IN THE 1975 CASEY EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA.

2. DRAWING ON REFAIR, SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER HAS EXPLAINED USG POLICY, STRESSING THAT USG REGULATIONS PROHIBIT EMPLOYEES FROM ACCEPTING GIFTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH VALUE EXCEEDING US\$50 AND THAT USG ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO SUPPORTING SUCH AN AWARD WITH STATEMENT SHOWING BASIS FOR AWARD.

3. DOS ASSURES EMBASSY THAT INTRINSIC VALUE OF MEDALLION WELL BELOW US\$50 MAXIMUM. AUSTRALIANS PROPOSE TO PRESENT CERTIFICATE WITH MEDALLION WITH TEXT AS FOLLOWS QTE PRESENTED TO (NAME) IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTARCTIC RESEARCH EXPEDITION PARTY DURING 1975, DATED BLANK DAY OF BLANK END QTE. CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY MINISTER OF SCIENCE, SENATOR WEBSTER, AND ANTARCTIC DIVISION DIRECTOR GARROD.

3. DOS PROPOSES PRESENT MEDALLION TO RICHARD J. NEFF, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEFF PARTICIPATED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN EXPEDITION THROUGH NSF'S OFFICE OF POLAR PROGRAMS.

4. WE UNDERSTAND NEFF RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA FROM  
ANTARCTICA TODAY AND DOS EAGER PRESENT MEDALLION WHILE HE  
STILL IN COUNTRY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER USG  
GRANTS APPROVAL FOR RETENTION AND WEARING OF THIS  
DECORATION BY NEFF.

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